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A glitter of little tin blades,
And, led by their cute little captains, they come—
The curly haired Christmas brigades!
Was ever an army so fair to view?
And it's marching straight to the hearts of you!

What shall we do 'gainst an army like this,
That is blest of the angels above?
It comes but to challenge a mother's sweet kiss,
And its beautiful banner is love!
Sure, never was army so fair to view,
Or marched so straight to the hearts of you!

Come on with the trumpet, the little toy drum!
Come on with the little tin blades!
Our hearts beat a welcome and cry to you, "Come,
Oh, curly haired Christmas brigades!"
Come on, little heroes in gray and in blue,
And we'll capture and kiss every soldier of you!

—F. L. Stanton.

BRAVE LITTLE BORRIOBOOLA GHA.

It wasn't so very happy to begin with. Christmas eve was a little dreary. Maggie only hummed a carol because it was more her way to sing than to cry, and the carol was the only thing she could think of just then. It was the first carol she had ever learned. She could remember just how sweet her mother had looked while teaching it to her and Jimmie, the brother, who would keep his seventh Christmas tomorrow—keep it in heaven, she thought, with a gleam of sorrowful joy. The dear mother who was in the hospital now, whose Christmas would be spent in a whitewashed ward, clean, bright and tender, with kindly care, but still not so bright as the little attic room would have been if only she could have been there. Maggie's song grew very queer at this point of her reflections, and her voice was a trifle unsteady, but she persisted in humming "It came upon the midnight clear," and even smiled a little as she laid down the cheap little doll she had been dressing for Sweetie, the dear little sister who was her darling, and who was now being cared for by kind friends of her mother's youth.

In another moment she was dashing down newspaper alley at full speed, elbowing her way a trifle more gently than the average habitue of that far famed locality, but pushing to the front with a dogged resolution none the less, and no sooner had the bunch of papers which came in answer to her warcry of "Twenty-five specials—throw 'em along quick, Jimmie!" reached her arms, than she was off with a bound, and a cry of "Papiers! Papiers! Here is yer extry!" which sounded startlingly loud and harsh to come from that girlish throat. Down Mason street she flew, anxious to reach the "stand" which the boys of that corner had unanimously ceded to her with rough chivalry when she had first appeared upon the scene, timid, nervous, afraid to cry her wares. She was the first of all the crowd to reach State street. "Papier, papier! Here is yer extry! All about the accident at Borrioboola Gha!" she shrieked in the voice which would have been sweet and clear but for its hard treatment and out of doors use, or rather abuse, and a queer little smile curved the corners of her mouth as she gave vent to her peculiar "trademark," as the "other boys" were wont to call the odd name which invariably closed her exhortation to buy an evening paper.

That exclamation had quite a history. When Maggie had been driven by her mother's illness and the want of food in the home cupboard to try paper selling, she had been afraid to cry loudly, and her conscience, home taught and tender, had forbidden her to invent news announcements after the fashion of others of her "perfesh." For some days she had sold very little in consequence, and the capital she had each morning invested in papers seemed in a fair way to be lost, when Irish Pat, the toughest boy in the gang, had taken her to his heart and shown her the mistake which spoiled her sales.

"Yer don't know nothin, yer don't," he had said contemptuously, striding along by her side with an exaggerated imitation of the walk of the last actor he had admired from the "peanut heaven" of the Academy and keeping level with her as she dejectedly started homeward, crying softly and wiping the tears away with her ragged but clean handkerchief.

"Yer too bloomin scared," he said, again copying the Academy actor, both in speech and gesticulation, "an yer'll never do no good till yer makes yer roar more like a better feller than yerself."

He paused and looked at Maggie expectantly, but Maggie had no idea that the "better feller" was Pat himself, and she never dreamed that the pause should have been filled with a compliment, well deserved, in Pat's opinion, so she said nothing, and the boy took up his parable again.

"Now, this yer's the way yer calls," he said, imitating her weak little cry to the life, "an this yer's the way yer oughter yell." And he let out a shout of "Paper here! Paper! All about the great fire on the west side! Many lives lost! Nineteen firemen go down in the ruins!" which startled Maggie and rang down the street for a block or more.

Maggie soon found this to be true, if she was to equal the sales of the other paper sellers. But still, as has been said, her conscience rebelled against the deceit. So she decided with one of the compromises possible only to innocent souls upon inventing a cry about an event which could not possibly happen, and, having read "Bleak House," she chose the words "Borrioboola Gha" as her "roar." She said nothing to her mother of all this, although the struggle in her mind was long and severe, and she longed sorely for sympathy and advice. She had grown so accustomed to using the "yell" that she no longer thought of it at all. She called out the long word as she did that of "Paper!" and it had no more significance to her.

But on this particular day, this dreary Christmas eve, as she stood mechanically repeating it, thinking meanwhile of the added pleasure for her mother and Sweetie which every penny meant, she was startled by a light touch on her shoulder and turned her head to see a kindly face looking down into hers.

"Where do you say the accident happened?" queried the tall, pleasant faced man who owned the hand which still lay on her arm. "Did you say Borrioboola Gha? I have heard a great many queer cries used by newsboys," he said with a whimsical smile at the pretty face, which bent away from him, "but yours is the most peculiar I have ever known. Did you borrow it from Dickens?"

"Yes, sir," she whispered, blushing still deeper, and hurrying breathlessly into her explanation. "Yes, sir. You see, the boys said I'd have to make up a roar if I was going to sell papers, and I thought that was honest anyway."

"Poor little kid!" he thought later, as he heard her cry ring out under his window as he sat in his comfortable room at the hotel. "Poor little kid! I wish I could do something for her. She reminds me of Jennie, somehow. Poor Jennie!" And in reveries of his dear, lost sight of sister he forgot all about Maggie, and thought no more of her until he heard her again the next morning—Christmas morning.

"Not a cheerful day for a fellow who's got nothing but money to help him enjoy himself, and no on to share that with," he thought as he dressed slowly, drearily, for the day promised to be long and barren. "If I only had Jennie and her babies to help me out. By Jove!" and he quickened his movements with a look of sudden interest, "I'll hunt up Little Borrioboola Gha and give her a jolly Christmas. She looks as though it wouldn't do her any harm, and I can 'play pretender,' as Jennie's baby used to say, play that she is one of Jennie's children."

Hastily completing his toilet, he disposed of a hearty breakfast, his pulses quickening as he thought of the pleasure which lay before him, the pleasure of giving happiness to another, the one pleasure which neither the world, the flesh, nor the devil has the power to mar or spoil.

Meanwhile the object of his thoughts had finished selling her papers the night before and gone slowly homeward, resisting the temptation to stay out in the brilliantly lighted streets because of her mother's well remembered request to this effect, and after buying as much candy and fruit for Sweetie as was consistent with saving a few pennies to buy a flower to go to the hospital with her and the baby tomorrow afternoon and laying enough away to buy her stock the next day she had got straight into bed.

When she awoke, it was broad daylight, the shining light of Christmas day, which has never seemed quite like that of ordinary days since that first wondrous dawn nearly 1,900 years ago, and she sprang up with the sweet Christmas joy in her heart and face, in spite of her aching toes and lonely condition.

"Now for a cup of coffee and a doughnut," she thought as she hurriedly fastened her garments, "and then for my papers."

"Well, Little Borrioboola Gha," said the same kindly voice which had greeted her the day before, "merry Christmas to you."

"Same to you, sir," she answered shyly, glancing up at him with the eyes which reminded him so forcibly of his sister. "Paper, sir?"

"Well, yes, I suppose so," he responded, reaching in his pocket for a $1 bill. "How are you going to spend your Christmas?"

"I'm going to the hospital to see mamma after I get through selling," said Maggie, who, with a child's quick intuition, had divined that this was a man to be trusted. "And I'm going to take Sweetie with me."

"Who is Sweetie?" was the next question, asked with a sympathetic intonation which somehow expressed all the kindly words he did not say about her mother. And Maggie, whose heart opened easily to any one who used the key of "Sweetie" wherewith to unlock it, grew talkative at once.

"Sweetie's my sister," she prattled, forgetting her wares in the joy of telling her love to some one. "My baby sister. And she's been specially mine ever since mamma got sick and had to go to the hospital. Auntie and Uncle Stewart have got her now," she went on, not noticing the start the gentleman gave, "but I'm going to get her back to live with us just as soon as mamma can come home."

"Is Auntie Stewart your real aunt?" queried her listener, a strange interest in his tone and manner. "And what is your mamma's name?"

"No. Auntie Stewart is an old friend of mamma's and papa's," answered Maggie, tucking her papers more tightly under her arm, "and mamma's name is Jennie Brownell."

"Jennie Brownell!" gasped the man at her side, grasping her arm so tightly that the tender flesh was bruised. "Jennie Brownell! And what was your papa's name?"

"Papa's name was Arthur Brownell," said Maggie, wondering more and more at this man's odd behavior. "But he's been dead a long, long time, and mamma took care of us until she got sick and I was big enough."

"You big enough," exclaimed her listener excitedly. "You big enough, you poor baby! Why, how old are you?"

"I'm just 13," said Maggie proudly, "and, indeed, sir, I'm big enough. Why, I've taken care of us for nearly a year now, and Sweetie would rather stay with me than with Auntie Stewart. I give her such nice things to eat," she finished innocently.

"To say nothing of the love you evidently lavish upon her," murmured the gentleman to himself. "Well, Little Borrioboola Gha, what do you say to a change? I think you must be my niece."

"Oh, then you must be Uncle Jack," said Maggie, accepting this new and wonderful state of affairs with a child's innocent faith and belief in all things wonderful and bright and good. "Yes, you do look like mamma. She's talked of you so much that I feel I quite know you," she added quaintly.

"You're not going to sell papers any more," said her uncle, as they crossed the street to his hotel. "And now for a merry Christmas. It won't be possible to do anything about clothes today," with a rueful look at Maggie's garments, "but we'll do something nice anyway. What hospital did you say your mother was at?"

"St. Luke's," answered Maggie, smiling as happily as though the griefs of the morning had never troubled her. "Are you going to see her too?"

"Yes," said Uncle Jack, smiling down at the eager face, "we're going there right away, but we'll stop and buy some flowers first."

And they set forth, only to find disappointment awaiting them at the hospital. Mrs. Brownell had left the hospital that morning in the care of a strange gentleman who had brought a carriage for her.

"Was it Uncle Stewart?" asked Maggie, and the kindly girl hesitated before replying, catching the busy nurse as she turned away.

"Uncle Stewart!" she said at length. "The old gentleman who came here with her and sometimes brings the little girl? No, it was a much younger man."

"Did mamma know him?" asked Maggie, with a shade of sadness darkening her expressive face in a manner which did not escape her uncle's notice, and again the good natured nurse staid her steps to reply.

"Yes," she said, with a pleasant, if hasty, smile, "she was delighted to see him and went with him at once."

Maggie turned away sadly, a tear falling on her shabby frock, and she did not refuse the comforting pressure of her uncle's hand as they walked down the long ward together.

"Let's go to Sweetie," suggested her uncle, with a view to distracting her. After making inquiries and finding that Mrs. Brownell had left no address Maggie, who felt that all the world was sad and her doll stuffed with sawdust with a vengeance, assented drearily.

"Maybe she'll be gone, too," she said mournfully, her lip quivering with a pitiful sorrow, as they stepped into the carriage again, and she did not speak again until the horses drew up at Mrs. Stewart's door. Her uncle lifted her out. She sprang up the stairs and rang the bell, and then—then the world resumed its normal coloring, and her doll was once more worth loving, for Sweetie had leaped to her arms, and there in the hall behind was mamma.

"Jack!" she said softly after kissing Maggie frantically. "Well, this must be Easter day instead of Christmas. Two resurrections from the dead!" and she drew his attention to another man who had seized upon Maggie as she released her and was embracing her as though he would never let her go again.

"My darling! My own little girl!" he kept repeating, and it suddenly dawned upon Maggie that it must be her papa, alive again in some wonderful, mysterious, Christmas kind of way and come back to care for her and mamma and Sweetie.

"We won't waste time upon long explanations now," said this gentleman as he put Maggie down at last. "I have been prostrated by an accident which caused me to lose my memory until a week ago and my name was mistakenly sent to Jennie here," indicating his wife by a tender glance, "as among those killed by the collision which only injured my brain. When my memory returned to me, I made all speed to come back to her, and not being able to find the smallest trace of her I thought of dear old Aunt and Uncle Stewart. I knew they would be kind to my poor darlings. And then I went to the hospital and brought her away. We never thought of Maggie going there so early, and I was to wait for her there this afternoon. We hardly knew how to reach her sooner."

"Well, I lost all trace of you all while I was out west," said Uncle Jack, taking possession of Maggie again, "and I only found this little girl by the merest accident." And he lifted Maggie lovingly to his knee, for they had reached the parlor by this time.

And after that? Well, it was Christmas day, and all the stores were closed, but money will do a great deal, and it wasn't long before Auntie Stewart's scantily filled larder was plentifully supplied, and an immense turkey was roasting in the oven.

And when the dinner had been eaten and everybody had told everybody else how glad and happy and surprised they were they sat close together and made plans for the future, lovely, wonderful plans, which seemed almost too good to come true. But they did come true, many of them, and, the best of all, perhaps, was Uncle Jack's plan for Maggie.

"This little girl is going to be a beautiful singer by and by," he said, with a tender good night kiss as he carried her up to the little attic room Auntie Stewart had insisted upon their using for the night, while papa followed with Sweetie, "to say nothing of being a noble woman if she grows up as brave and unselfish as she is now. I noticed how strong and sweet her voice bade fair to be the moment I heard her giving the 'roar' which astonished me so much. And I am going to see that it has the best of training. And my pet name for her will always be 'Little Borrioboola Gha.'"—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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A Great, Gallant Figure, With Top Boots and Mighty Pack—Christmas Customs of the Fatherland—Procession on Christmas Eve.

Hans Ruppert is the name of the Santa Claus of Saxony given by the simple, pious peasantry. "Hans Ruppert will arrive tonight!" the children of Saxony cry all along the dear, darkening twilight of Christmas eve, as they flatten their little Saxon noses against the cottage window panes, peering out along the winter roads for "our Hans Ruppert." "Hans Ruppert is coming tonight!" say the simple hearted grown up folk to one another, a people who have one evening in the winter twilight of their hard, stern lives when it will be all glow and glamour and froth of fun.

Hans Ruppert comes from Russia, from its silent mysteries of steppe and of snows. But he is not a Slav. Hans Ruppert is not the traditional Santa Claus of the Teuton land—a jolly old man with curly beard and winking smile. "Hans Ruppert is a tall, brawny, peasant looking fellow," say the good Saxony folk with a sublime earnestness as if they had seen him. Hans Ruppert has muscles minted from their own brave life of gray toil. Hans Ruppert walks all the way from afar, from the Asiatic Russland and, at every step he takes toward the Caucasus chain, at every stride up and up, still up the ledges of its rock and bluff and brae, across its brawling streams, now down on the other side of its stern shoulder shadowed in the star calm, at every pace past the Russian villages twinkling through the night mists like sparklets struck off from the czar crown way off there above the Neva, as he foots it grandly—this great, grand, gallant Hans Ruppert—his top boots that at the beginning of the long Christmas march reached only below the knee, grow taller and taller, still higher—until when he hears the Rhein-strom murmur and the golden voice above the Lorelei rock, and at last at the gates of Berlin sees the mighty gleam of the army of the vaterland, the Hans Ruppertish boots are up to the loins, cuirassier fashion, accordion wrinkled and mirror in their mighty polish the very "Sword of My Illustrious Grandfather!" And Hans Ruppert stands a grenadier, one of the sacred bodyguard around an emperor, stands with star on breast and double headed eagle on helmet, stands a mighty ghost to deal death to the foes of vaterland—until next Christmas.

On his back, through all his long trudge tonight, Hans Ruppert carries his pack. It is a pack of good things. Thou hast no Christmas tree within that mighty bundle, Hans! The peasant children have made the tree all ready for Hans in the diligent purchase from their little Saxon pfennige on the market day. Hans Ruppert brings the garments for the Christmas tree. Here in his pack is the Christ child's hair, the gold and silver filigree which Hans will twist across the branches with his own brawny hands. Here are the candles, the Christ child's eyes, and the toys and the gifts, "the blessings that drop from the hands of Baby Jesus."

And now the procession forms at 8 o'clock on Christmas eve to go to see what Hans Ruppert has brought to the little family. The procession begins with grandfather and grandmother, on whose seamed and yellowed cheeks glistens the gentle tear of age. Then follow the father and the mother and the unwedded uncles and aunts, and now the children, according to age and size, who are awed in anticipation of "our Hans Ruppert" on the other side of that door toward which the procession is now moving. They stand up on tiptoe and peer behind father's stalwart frame, rebuked by das mutterchen, with a solid Saxon cuff on the unwilling ear. "Ach, mutterchen, it's heilige Nacht!" pleads the father, and mother moderates. Here are the servants of the household, wearing their good Christmas starch of check apron stiffness. How it stands out in its buckram beauty! If it were possible—which the dear Herr Gardener of us all forfend—the apple cheeks of the good house girl glow with a more fruity glisten as she gazes down upon the spheric circumference of starch. The housemaid's smile is laundered, too, and it never leaves her lips until that mysterious door off there is opened by grandfather's trembling old hand, and now some one in the Christmas procession has struck the sweet, resonant, prolonging chords of the zither, and the hymn rises as one "pure concert" along the whole of the household's heart:

O heilige Nacht!
Stille Nacht!

The door is thrown open, and only the stalwart spirits—the Erdgeiste who guard the scallops and volutes of the Teutonic verb—can comprehend the meander and the meaning of the family's exclamations now. Hans Ruppert has done it all! Hans Ruppert has done it all! The tree glistens into gracious charm. It is the aurora of the Divine Child.

And then the good Saxon muscles fall to, and fall, too, on supper. Now, the supper is a sweet feature of this great evening, 1897. For only once a year does the marzipan come round—marzipan, that dear cake, crusted with powdered almonds. Only once a year does "stoken" come round, that dearest cake with raisins—raisins plucked by Hans Ruppert in that faroff mystery—raisins that grew and hadn't anything to do with sour grapes.

But the supper passes, and the night is deepening. The eyes of childhood are drooping. The family rises and again circles the Christmas tree, hand in hand now, perhaps for the last time on earth. Who can foresee the years? May the dear Christ child guard us all!—New York Commercial Advertiser.

Too Much for the Admiral.

Even heroes get upset. Admiral Schley, night before last, was the guest of a large part of Philadelphia—of as much of it as could fill one of its theaters. He sat in a box with the handsome and benignant Col. McClure, and every movement he made was watched by thousands in the place. If he took a glass of water they applauded. If he bowed to an acquaintance, they applauded. If he smiled they applauded. In fact, the whole evening was an incessant ovation,

But Schley's defeat came at the end of the second act. He arose with his usual grace and started to the next box to call on friends, but he had not taken two steps before a deep bass voice from the upper gallery rolled forth: "Let's all go out and take a beer." placing the accent on the "all." The hero collapsed, sank in a chair and shook with laughter, while the audience shrieked.

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CHRISTMAS AT KENO.

How Hard Luck Hankins' Tree Was Decorated.

"Speakin of Christmas trees," said Cyclone Murphy as he snuffed a candle on the topmost twig of the Keno Gulch Sunday school tree with his trusty six shooter and then nipped remonstrance in the bud by getting the drop on the Sunday school superintendent, "reminds me of a galoot named Hard Luck Hankins, who lived up on Tenderfoot ridge and who was the biggest kicker that ever kicked. This yere Hard Luck Hankins lived in a cabin on top of the ridge and p'tended ez how he was a miner, but he didn't never seem to mine anything and was ginerally regarded ez a feller without visible means of support. Some folks said he was a road agent and others opined ez how hoss stealin might be the mine he was workin.

"The only thing Keno Gulch ever really knowed him to be doin was puttin up a powerful kick about one thing er another. He allers had some hard luck story to tell, and that was why folks called him Hard Luck Hankins.

"There wasn't a decent lookin tree on top of the hull ridge except one, and that tree was a mighty handsome pine that stood right in front of Hard Luck Hankins' shanty. 'She's my old Christmas tree,' Hankins would growl every time Christmas come around, 'but, dern her ole hide, Santy Claws don't never hang nothin on her fer me.'

"That was jes' Hard Luck's pesky and onery way—allers kickin about somethin—and that handsome tree never havin anything hangin on it fer him seemed to rile him 'specially every year. 'What's the use havin a blame Christmas tree that never don't have nothin hangin on to it?' he'd growl. 'Have a dern good notion to cut her down!'

"This went on year after year, and the boys kep' a-wonderin and a-wonderin how Hard Luck got a livin. One Christmas eve they found out, and it put an end to Hard Luck's quarrel with his big pine Christmas tree.

"Fer the very first Christmas sence Hard Luck had been livin in Keno there was somethin hangin on his Christmas tree.

"What was it?" repeated Cyclone Murphy as he snuffed another candle. "Why, it was old Hard Luck Hankins hisself, and he was—kickin—ez—usual, and kickin with both feet."—Selected.

FATHER CHRISTMAS.

A Suggestion to the Boys For Christmas Celebrations.

Why couldn't our boys get up some holiday plays similar to the immemorial "Father Christmas" play, in which the lads of Merrie England have so much fun? The origin of this play is lost in antiquity, but it deals with knights and their adventures, certain of which challenge and fight the followers of Father Christmas, and are in turn routed, till Father Christmas and the Black Knight cope in mortal combat, the latter, of course, being worsted.

The boys are dressed in fantastic style, with tall paper caps on and paper fringe around their jackets, wearing masks to conceal their identity. They are called the "mummers," and go from house to house of their friends, invariably receiving a kind welcome and a little treat at the end of the performance. They also take up a penny collection, and everybody has a penny for the mummers who afford so much amusement.

In our early history there is abundant scope for the youthful playwrights, and the object of their performances in holiday week might be some charity in which boys are the beneficiaries, such as a treat of "goodies" to a dozen newsboys or bootblacks, to get supplies for a sick boy or the like.

The Indian in our early history is as good as the knight element for a stirring play for mummers—Massasoit and his tribe, in war paint, feathers and blankets, on the one side, and on the other the prim Puritans, in broad brimmed hats and short breeches.

Or the Pocahontas and Powhatan drama, with John Smith, the hero, and a band of cavaliers to make it lively. The boys of Boston Common and the red coated Britishers was an episode to inspire their fraternity of today, and it would be great fun for our laddies in Christmas week to dress up and illustrate the valor of their ancestors, as their English cousins annually commemorate some otherwise forgotten achievement of feudal days.—Philadelphia Record.

The Kissing Ball.

A green ball to suspend over the Christmas dinner table is made by fastening two keg hoops together, one within the other, turning each way like an open globe. Twine princess pine around each hoop and put in sprigs of holly here and there. This indeed is similar to the old "kissing bunch," which is seen in many old fashioned homes in England. Two wooden hoops, one passing through the other, decked with evergreens, in the center of which is hung a "crown" of rosy apples and a sprig of mistletoe. Beneath it there are much kissing and romping and the carol singers stand beneath it and sing their songs.—Selected.

A Turkey's Lament.

Ah, distinctly I remember—
It was only last November
That they chased me through the back yard
And across the old barn floor!
Valiantly and well I fought me
Till at last the villains caught me
And proceeded then to trot me
To the ax beside the door;
But, ashamed, they let me go, for
I was bones and nothing more—
Skin and bones and nothing more.

Now, I see it is December,
And no doubt they will dismember
Me, for all my fatter friends
Have gone to that other shore;
I've grown pale from apprehension,
For of late some marked attention
Makes me think it's their intention
To cut off my legs and serve me
As a reedbird from the store—
Just a reedbird, nothing more!
—Chicago Inter Ocean.

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CHRISTMAS CHEER.

At Christmas play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Tusser.

Be merry all, be merry all!
With holly dress the festive hall;
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball
To welcome merry Christmas.
—W. R. Spencer.

It is the Christmas time:
And up and down 'twixt heaven and earth,
In the glorious grief and solemn mirth,
The shining angels climb.
—D. M. Mulock.

The time draws near the birth of Christ:
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.
—Tennyson.

Heap on more wood! the wind is dull,
But let it whistle as it will
We'll keep one Christmas merry still.
—Sir Walter Scott.

This is the time when the very old man
Leaps back to the days of youth;
When brows and eyes wear no disguise,
But flush and gleam with truth.
Oh, then is the time when the soul exults
And seems right heavenward turning;
When we love and bless the hand we press,
When the Christmas log is burning!
—Cook.

We speak of a merry Christmas
And many a happy New Year,
But each in his heart is thinking
Of those that are not here.
—Longfellow.

They who do their souls no wrong,
But keep at eve the faith of morn,
Shall daily hear the angel song,
"Today the Prince of Peace is born!"
—James Russell Lowell.

CHRISTMAS IN THE ARMY.

How the Soldier Boys Celebrated During the Sixties.

The Army of the Potomac, under General George B. McClellan, was camped about Washington from August, 1861, to March, 1862, and most of it in Virginia as far down the Potomac as Alexandria, as far up as Chain bridge and as far out toward General Beauregard and his tenacious Americans as Munson's hill. Early in December word came to the soldiers that railroad and express companies would carry free packages intended for Christmas presents and dinners for the soldiers.

That year there was a Christmas dinner for every mess. From the rich homes of the large cities had come the best in the market. From tens of thousands of farms had come the daintiest dishes that mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and sweethearts could prepare.

On Christmas, 1863, the army was shivering along the rivers Rappahannock and Rapidan, and as far out as Culpeper Court House. It was too cold, and the men were too poorly housed to enjoy the day. It was not a holiday to many—a day of misery, instead. That was the coldest Christmas the south had seen for 50 years, and it has not seen one like it since.

Christmas dinners were the order of the day in 1864. The army was strung along behind fortifications from Richmond to below Yellow House, on the Weldon railroad, a distance of nearly 40 miles. The sanitary and Christian commissions had arranged to supply the army with a Christmas dinner. Few men were overlooked. Except that in 1861, it was the happiest Christmas for the Union army since the trouble began. There were many signs that the next Christmas would be enjoyed at home, and so it was by all who escaped the hot times from March 29 to the evening of April 9, after Grant and Lee met at Appomattox.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Christmas Table Decoration.

A very pretty decoration for the table at the Christmas dinner is a tiny Christmas tree. Candied fruits and gilded and silvered walnuts make it bright and seasonable, while a little frosting with the powder that comes for the purpose makes it a beautiful object under the glitter of the lights. The tree will be trimmed and prepared for you by any florist and should be planted in a fancy low vase or dish. The picturesque dwarf evergreens that come from Japan are most effective when used in this way, and yet they are such costly treasures that few who own them are willing to make table decorations of them.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Adorning the Christmas Tree.

The foliage of a Christmas tree may be brushed here and there with mucilage and then sprinkled with common salt and a very pleasing result is obtained. A pretty drapery for the tree is made by cutting long strips, about four inches wide, of tissue paper, then cutting it closely, partly, but not entirely, across the widths, making fringes. If the strips be dampened and held over a hot stove, the fringed edges will curl and look quite ornamental.—Omaha Bee.

Where Toys Are Made.

The greatest toy producing districts are the Thuringia mountains, sometimes called the Thuringia forests; the ancient city of Nuremberg, in Bavaria, and the region of the Erzgeberg mountains. The most interesting of these localities is the Thuringia mountain district. Situated in upper Saxony, its time and industry are entirely given up to the production of playthings in papier mache, china, glass, wool, wood and fur.—Baltimore Herald.

A Christmas Eve Idyl.

The hour was late; the lights burned low,
The fire but half dispelled the gloom;
A youth and maid, with cheeks aglow,
Sat silent in the room.

'Twas Christmas eve, and half in jest
They would not say good night, because
They'd vowed to watch and do their best
To see old Santa Claus.

Slow ticked the clock; they said no word;
The solemn midnight hour drew near,
And still no telltale sound was heard
Of Santa coming near.

Twelve struck; and then, all suddenly,
A guest came in, surprised the pair;
It was not Santa Claus, not he,
But Cupid that stood there!
—New York World.

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DELAWARE'S UNKOWN RACE.

In the hundreds of Indian River, Lewes and Rehoboth and Dagsboro are a numerous class of colored people, commonly called yellow men, and by many believed to be descendents of the Indians which formerly inhabited Delaware.

Others regard them as mulattoes and still others claim that they are of Moorish descent. From the fact that so many of them bear the name of Sockum that term has also been applied to the entire class of people.

Of the genealogy of these Moorish Indians Judge G. P. Fisher formerly on the Delaware bench, said: "About one hundred and fifty years ago a cargo of slaves from Congo river was landed at Lewes and sold to purchasers at that place. Among them was a tall, fine looking young man about five and twenty years old. This man was called Requa, and was remarkable for his manly proportions and regular features, being more Caucasion than African. Requa was purchased by a young Irish widow, having red hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. She afterwards married him.

"At that time the Nanticoke Indians were still quite numerous at and near Indian River. The offspring of Requa and his Irish wife were not recognized in the white society, and they would not associate with the negroes, and they did associate and intermarry with the Indians.

"This statement was made on oath of Lydia Clark at Georgetown, in 1855, in the trial of the case of the State against Levin Sockum for selling contrary to law, powder and shot to Isiah Harman alleged to be a free mulatto. The question upon which the case turned whether Harman, really was a free mulatto, and the genealogy of that race of people was traced by Lydia Clark, than about 87 years of age, who was of the same race of people.

"The court was so well convinced of the truth of Lydia's testimony that Sockum was convicted of the charge preferred against him.

"This race of people are noted as peaceable, law-abiding citizens, good farmers, and are known as Moors but without any foundation. The name Requa or Regue is now handed down as Ridgeway."

Levin Sockum who was convicted as told by Judge Fisher, for years kept a business stand at the head of Long Neck, where Henry Groome afterwards traded and since 1873 John A. Lingo, State Auditor-elect of this State.

The exclusivenes spoken of by Judge Fisher continues to the present time. This class of people maintains its separate social life (so far as it is possible to do so) seldom intermarrying with the negroes or mulattoes. They support separate churches and are to-day supporting their own schools owing to the neglect of the recent constitutional convention to provide for them. Special legislation will be necessary to grant appropriations of school moneys to these people.

The number in the county is diminishing, owing to removals and natural causes, but enough remain to make it a distinctive element.

Old Point Comfort.

The first of the present series of personally-conducted tours to Old Point Comfort via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Tuesday' December 27.

Tickets, including luncheon on going trip and one and three-fourths days' board at Old Point Comfort, and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold at rate of $15 00 from New York $13.50 from Trenton; $12.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

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ANOTHER Christmas is here. Has the time been long since Christmas, 1897? Then you have probably celebrated few anniversaries of the wonderful birth of the God-child in the manger. Has the past year been brief, the days all too short for the tasks they brought you? Then you are in the midst of a busy life, possibly on the decline of the hill. Whether old or young open your heart to the full meaning of the glad day. Be cheerful! Be happy! as cheerful and happy as you can, adding to the pleasures of others and proving the declaration, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

THE ELECTION OF A SENATOR.

The Republican papers in the State have wisely refrained in the main from the discussion of the choice of a Senator to succeed Mr. Gray. The Democratic State papers have been trying to create a division, in the Republican ranks, the most of them, and several have been throwing mud at prospective or possible candidates. "My party first is their motto. Such has been the course of these papers and correspondents that so well informed a paper as the Philadelphia Ledger conceives either that the majority of our General Assembly is Democratic and will probably elect another Kenney over Senator Gray or it thinks with the Every Evening that the State has but one man worthy and qualified to fill that high office. It says:

"The facts that George Gray is one of the most honored members of the United States Senate, that he has shown himself a statesman rather than a politician, and that he has rendered valuable service as a member of the Peace Commission, do not count for anything in the eyes of the men elected to the Delaware Legislature. In deciding whether he shall be returned to the position which he has filled so well, they will consider only the question whether his particular political faction can command enough votes to elect him. The idea that personal merit or distinguished public service is to be recognized by re-election does not seem to have entered a single legislative mind."

The reference to "political faction" shows that the Ledger does not know that Delaware is a Republican State, but the foolish suggestions of Every Evening, Sussex Journal, etc., that patriotism demands the return of Mr. Gray, when but a few months since they had nothing good to say for him as a Democrat, is ridiculous. Delaware has a score of able Republicans, a number of them the equal of Mr. Gray in every respect except in experience in the office, from whom the General Assembly should select. For the future of the party that selection should be a man to unite the party. To chose any other means defeat for years.

WHY HAS IT NOT BEEN MADE?

The "Dover Index" among other good things recommended to the General Assembly, suggests the employment of the prisoners in our jails in the work of improving our public roads, and summarizes its arguments in the following concentrated form: "Be cause the facts. Our roads need improving. The county spends several thousands on them each year. There are a number of idle criminals among us, whom we must board and keep, and whose want of occupation furnishes splendid opportunity for future crime hatching. The experiment of putting jail inmates at work on the roads has been tried in other states with success, why not make the test in Delaware?"

Why has it not been done before? The true reason would be gladly received. Since it has not been done, however, is no reason why it should not be done now. Because the State has been given no improvements for three or four decades save the few given by the Republicans in 1889, is no reason why such a policy should be continued.

IT is a matter of great regret that the jury which from Dec. 6th, to Dec 19th, sat in the jury box in the Federal Court in Wilmington, listening to the evidence brought out against Senator R. R. Kenney who was charged with aiding Teller Biggs in robbing the First National Bank at Dover, should have disagreed; it is a matter for deeper regret that they divided so nearly on political lines. The first trial was 7 for acquittal and 5 for conviction, the political division not being so marked. But the greatest regret is that politics should ever have entered a Delaware jury box. That it has no well-informed citizen can deny, and men have publicly defended the act. This is to the shame of our State; were it not a fact the charges of bribery, corruption, etc., now so familiar, had never been made, because never attempted.

IT is said that Chairman Scott of the Levy Court has this week drawn the attention of Representative-elect Donahoe to the excessive bills for county indexes which the county must pay by the grace of the last General Assembly —$7000. Think of it!

The Every Evening has found that the following amounts have been paid for similar purposes beginning in October, 1893:

October 3d, 1893, Recorder of Deeds, James T. Shallcross, $7,000; Commissioners Frank Biggs and A. E. Sanborn, $2,000 each.

November 13th, 1894, Commissioners W. T. Lynam, George T. Brown and Peter L. Cooper, Jr., $1,500 each.

December 5th, 1895, Prothonotary Peter A. Horty, $1,000: Commissioners Victor B. Wolley and Branch H. Giles $700 each.

July 27th, 1897, Register in Chancery Colen Ferguson, $300; Commissioners Andrew C. Gray and Charles B. Evans, $150 each.

December 20th, 1898, Recorder of Deeds Montgomery, $4,000; Commissioners Cooper and Ponder, $1,500 each. Total, $25,500.

In truth this is only a drop in the bucket of the amounts paid to officials —State and county—and the people having nothing to show for it. Salaries have been enormous; taxation is outrageous. The best citizens need to look to Reform with a big R and that without regard to political preference. Republican politicians will tarry as long at the public teat and grow as fat as have their Democratic brethern, if allowed. Let there be Reform.

KENT COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

The farm of John Rawley, located near Clayton and containing 120 acres, was sold at Sheriffs' sale last Saturday. It was purchased by Luther Lapham for $6,800.

Artificial flowers made by the steward of the steamer George F. Brady from turnips, onions and beets are exhibited at the stores in Smyrna.

Announcement is made of the engagement of William W. Richardson, youngest son of H.A. Richardson, of Dover and Miss Alena Atkins, daughter of ex-State Treasurer Charles H. Atkins, of Milton, Sussex county.

The Clayton Town Council has been very busy the past week in having eight car loads of oyster shells placed on the streets. The holes and ruts have all been filled in and everything is in readiness for the winter season.

Robert G. Powell, tax collector of East Dover hundred, died Monday morning. His death was sudden as he was as well as usual on Saturday and Sunday. It was Mr. Powell who as tax collector ran off to Philadelphia and was cornered in a hotel there by men clamoring to pay their taxes.

Mrs. Annie Tilghman, wife of George W. Tilghman, died at her husband's residence, in Smyrna Saturday night. She contracted a cold which rapidly developed into pneumonia causing her death. The deceased was 55 years of age and besides her husband leaves eight children; Mrs. Leonard Guthrie, Horace, Harry, Alfred, John, Luther, Paul and Bertha.

William T. Aldrich, a well-known citizen of Wyoming, aged 66 years, died Monday morning. He came from New York to Wyoming and was postmaster under President Harrison. He was a member of No. 7, A. F. and A. M., of Dover; Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Camden, and Golden Eagle Lodge, of Wyoming.

Amos Williams, of near Hazletville, died suddenly Thursday morning of last week. Mr. Williams had just returned to the house with an armful of wood and was apparently in excellent health. Members of the family in the adjoining room heard him fall and when they reached him life had departed. Deceased was a popular man and a life long Democrat. He was a member of the General Assembly in 1870.

Walter Shelton, of Clayton has bought of Edward Hark, of Townsend, his farm, near Golt's Station, containing 126 acres for $1,100: The farm was originally a part of the Patterson Estate and is considered good land. About 75 acres is in wood-land and Mr. Shelton proposes clearing all of it with the exception of 26 acres and making it tillable.

Sheriff Shaw has sold the 100 acre farm of Josiah Kessler in Milford hundred to P. T. Carlisle for $1775; the 20 acre farm of Elizabeth Voshell in West Dover hundred, to James L. Wolcott, attorney, for $500; the John Rawley farm near Clayton, to Luther Lapham, for $6800. Francis M. Gooding, administrator of B. C. Moore, has sold the 40 acre farm situated in Kenton hundred to S. W. Hall for $1420.

SUSSEX COUNTY.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

An Episcopal church is to be erected at Delmar.

James C. Conaway, representative-elect from the 4th District of Sussex county, is quite ill at his home in Broad Creek hundred. He is classed as a "Regular" Republican.

Mr. Braclay Ellis' dog at Delmar was attacked with hydrophobia last week and bit several other dogs and a colored man. The dogs were all killed and the man will go to Pasteur Institute.

Detective Hutchins, while at Selbyville on Tuesday, arrested George E. Torbert of Clarksville and Henry Williams of Selbyville on the charge of violating the game laws. The accused were sentenced to pay fines of $20 each.

MY MARYLAND.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

T. H. Longfellow, of Greensboro, has eaten thirty four partriges in thirty days taking one each morning for breakfast, and two in four instances. He thinks he can eat a bird a day for sixty days.

A hog was slaughtered in Church Hill, Md., by Mr. W. C. Palmatory, which weighed 940 pounds alive, and dressed 815 pounds. Fully one thousand persons witnessed the killing.

The holly business has closed, and it has been quite a good season. About $3,000 has been shipped from Parsonsburg.

Samuel W. Webb, of Kennedyville, has had his right hand amputated, it having been caught in feeding a corn sheller.

Mr. John W. Bouchelle, a direct descendant of Lege Bouchelle, who settled on Bohemia Manor in 1640, died at the residence of his son, Augustus J. Bouchelle, in the Second District, on Tuesday, Dec. 13th. Mr. Bouchelle was in his ninety-second year. He leaves seven children, Mrs. Joseph Steel and Mrs. William Kessner of Chesapeake City, Mrs. Joshua Craig of Baltimore, Messrs. George and Augustus Bouchelle of Bohemia Manor, and Benj. Bouchelle of Chester, Pa. His first vote was cast for General Andrew Jackson in 1828. He was elected to the Legislature in 1842.

His funeral was held at St. Augustine Church, with interment in the adjoining cemetery.

(Communicated.)

PEACE.

"Peace on earth good will to men", sang the angels on that first Christmas morning. Should it not be the song of the people of this beloved land on this Christmas morning?

The kingdom Christ came to establish was to be a kingdom of Peace—kindness, gentleness, love.

The lion we are told would eat hay like the ox, the wolf dwell with the kid, and other peaceful relations the prophet foretold hundreds of years before the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The inhabitants of Cuba and the far off isles should rejoice at this Christmas tide as they have never had cause to rejoice before.

Spain's rule has been one of oppression, degradation, selfishness, ambitious only for the wealth that perishes with the using.

This Christian land of liberty has a work to do, an example to set before the world of the Christ she worships of the open Bible which is the root of all this freedom.

The world is looking upon her with critical eyes and it behooves her to be up and doing the right to aid these helpless people, so long oppressed and who are looking to these United States for the wise council that has been promised them.

This cry of "peace" is one of rejoicing in this land as well as the isles of the sea; how many hearts rejoice that the war is over, but how very many are broken as they recall the sacrifices they have made in giving their dear one to the call of their country to render the assistance they could to let the "oppressed go free."

The United States should not forget that along with the open Bible, the free public school must go; for the two go hand in hand.

May the Prince of Peace reign in the hearts of all men, may wars cease and this coming year be indeed one of good will to all men.

ANOTHER DISAGREEMENT.

The "twelve good men and true" empanelled to try Senator R.R. Kenney for aiding in the robbing of the First National Bank of Dover, were charged by Judge Bradford Friday afternoon, taking two hours to read the charge. They retired to their chamber at 6.30 and Saturday afternoon came out to ask instructions of the Court, several jurors saying they could not agree. They came out again on Monday afternoon, having deliberated 70 hours, and failing to agree were discharged.

The jury had taken 10 ballots and although they generally stood eight for acquittal, three for conviction and one or two ballots were very close to a verdict, 10 voting for acquittal, one for conviction and one blank. So that the standing of this jury was more favorable to the defendant than that in the previous trial, when seven voted for acquittal and five for conviction, except when one of the five occasionally voted with the seven.

From information received, the following classifications set forth how the jurors generally stood:

For acquittal—John Calloway, Democrat, farmer, Laurel; George Reynolds, Democrat, farmer, Milford; W. G. Bryan, Democrat optician, Wilmington; Francis R. Carswell, Democrat, architect, Wilmington; James H. Price, Democrat, chief railroad clerk, Wilmington; David Rees, Democrat, farmer, Clayton; James Hossinger, Democrat, capitalist, Newark; Samuel E. Matthews, Republican farmer, Gumboro.

For conviction—Samuel H. Baynard, Republican, jeweler, Wilmington; R.T. Pilling Republican, superintendent of mills, Kiamensi; Andrew T. Thomas, Republican, editor Milford.

Voted blank—Foreman William J. Cannon, Republican, farmer, Seaford.

When the vote stood ten for acquittal, one for conviction and one blank, Mr. Baynard is understood to have voted for conviction and Mr. Thomas, blank.

The majority of the jurors discarded Boggs' testimony altogether and would not consider it, though it was backed with documentary proof. They looked at the matter of Senator Kenney's checks with the bank simply as overdrafts.

Judge Bradford expressed his surprise that from the testimony, they could not reach a verdict.

Whether Senator Kenney will be tried again is a matter which will rest with the United States authorities at Washington. District Attorney Vandegrift will report the matter to the Department of Justice and await instructions before he takes any action. In the meantime Senator Kenney will renew his bail bond.

LITERARY NOTES.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

In the American Monthly Review of Reviews for December the editor reviews the November elections, the progress of our peace negotiations with Spain, and other matters of national and international moment. Some very suggestive and interesting cartoons from recent issues of the Spanish journals are reproduced.

In the Christmas number of the American Monthly Review of Reviews some of the most noteworthy of the famous paintings of the life of Christ by J.J. Tissot are reproduced. Clinton Harby Levy writes on Tissot's life and method in painting and Ernest Knauffi contributes a criticism of the portraits from an artist's point of view. The Collection is now on exhibition in New York and will be shown in several of the leading American cities before Mr Tissot returns to France. It is beyond question the most important series of representations of Christ made in modern times.

To Combine Branch Roads.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is considering the advisability of merging the Queen Anne and Kent Railroad, extending from Townsend to Centreville; the Delaware and Chesapeake Railroad, extending from Clayton to Oxford; the Cambridge and Seaford Railroad, running from Cambridge to Seaford and the Delaware Railroad, which runs from Wilmington to Delmar, Del.

The question of merging has been under consideration by the several companies interested for some time past, and the result has been that favorable action has been taken and a reunion of these companies will shortly be effected.

The Delaware Railroad has a mileage of 116.94 miles, the Cambridge and Seaford, 22 78 miles, the Queen Anne and Kent, 28.50 miles, and the Delaware and Chesapeake, 74 miles. All these roads are worked in conjuction with the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad Company and each one has its own corporation and officers. While the officers are similar in a number of cases, it is thought that it would simplify the work to have all the roads in one company.

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Andrews Post G. A. R.

At a regular meeting of Col. J. W. Andrews Post, No. 14, Department of Delaware, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Commander, Isaac R. Statts; Sr. Vice Commander, Israel F. Croft; Jr., Vice Commander; W. P. Rhein, Officer of the Day, M. Gremminger; Officer of the Guard, Joseph A. Rhode; Chaplain, L. V. Aspril, Sr.; Adjutant, Joseph N. Enos; Quarter Master, W. H. Eccles.

The installation of officers will take place in the post room on the last Wednesday in January, 1899, at which time a Camp Fire will be held. All old soldiers are cordially invited.

This will be the 13th anniversary of Andrews Post, No. 14, and 14 members have died since its organization.

Yellow Jaundice Cured.

Suffering humanity should be supplied with every means possible for its relief. It is with pleasure we publish the following: "This is to certify that I was a terrible sufferer from Yellow Jaudice for over six months, and was treated by some of the best physicians in our city and all to no avail Dr. Bell, our druggist, recommended Electric Bitters; and after taking two bottles, I was entirely cured. I now take great pleasure in recommending them to any person suffering from this terrible malady. I am gratefully yours, M. A. Hogarty, Lexington Ky."

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Women's Robes and Petticoats Handsome Eiderdown Robes; made with tight-fitting back; pointed collar; collar, cuffs and front bound with satin; frogs down front; ribbon at neck; girdle at waist. The pretty striped eiderdowns are used. Price, $4.

But here are pretty Robes of eiderdown in solid colors; collar bound with satin; ribbon at neck; girdle at waist. Price—

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Many other sorts up to $10 each.

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Warm and pretty garments, packed in fancy boxes for giving.

At 50c—Knit Petticoats of cotton, in solid colors, with deep contrasting border.

At 95c—Knit Petticoats of all wool yarns, in natural color, with all-wool border of contrasting color; edges crocheted to match border.

At $1.25—Knit Petticoats of all-wool yarns, in solid colors in many shades.

Other styles up to $2.50.

Blankets and Down Quilts These are days to test the blanket supply. Their wooly warmth is needed as the air grows crisper. Then there are housekeeping friends who'll appreciate a pair of blankets, or a down quilt far more than some less useful gift. This word of worthy, giveable sorts—

BLANKETS—

At $5 a pair—Large fluffy pure wool Blankets; size, 75x84 in.; weight, 6 lbs.

At $7 a pair—Pure wool California Blankets in pink or blue borders; size, 74x84 in.; weight, 6 lbs.

At $11 a pair—Extra large and sumptuous genuine Mission Mills Blankets; size, 84x90 in.; weight, 9 lbs.

DOWN QUILTS—

At $3.75 each—Down quilts, with coverings of best domestic figured sateen, filled with excellent down; size, 6x6 ft.

At $5 each—Covered with finest domestic figured sateen in a large variety of handsome colorings; size, 6x6 ft.

Mackintoshes for Men A satisfying, thoughtful holiday gift is a good Mackintosh. The increasing demand at this season has impelled us to unusual gathering—broader variety, vaster quantities and naturally to prices unknown a year or two ago when the selling was more limited.

These thorough waterproof garments are now made in quite dressy style—'most as handsome as the neatly tailored top coats; and there are several dozen varieties to choose from, in the most favored overcoat fabrics.

At $5—Double-breasted Box Coats of heavy cheviots in navy blue, black, drab and brown mixtures; all have velvet collars and strapped seams.

At $10—Mackintoshes of gray Scotch check and tan cheviots, with satin sleeve linings, that help them to slip on easily. Other styles in black and navy blue cheviot.

At $15—Handsome Box Coats in tan and olive mixtures and tobacco-brown cloths; satin sleeve linings.

And here are excellent Mackintoshes at $3 and $4, fully guaranteed; then at $6.50, $7.50, $12; to the handsomer Mackintoshes and Rain Coats ranging up to $30 in price.

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There's same guarantee in **Women's Cloaks, Suits, Wraps.**

In Furs—the supreme things is confidence. We assure you fair price; we guarantee quality—or your money back.

In Shoes—we put the strongest guarantee behind every pair that we know how to give—a new pair if natural wear or just cause makes you dissatisfied.

A Lot of Lower Prices—almost always at the Old Corner. Ends of lots that are being sold at reduced prices.

The Great Winter Sale Now Going On.

Overcoats at $5, $7, $8.50 to $45; Men's Suits, $5 to $34 for silk-lined Dress Suits; Boys' Suits, $3 to $15; Boys' Topcoats, $3.50 to $18. Ladies' Sealskin Sacques, $145; Fur Capes, $14.75, $16.50, $19.75, $25; Fur Scarfs, $3.50, $4, $5, $6.50, $10; Ladies' and Misses' Jackets, $6.50, $10, $13.50, $15, $18; tailor-made Suits ready-to-put-on, $7 upwards: during the holidays, tailored-to-measure, $30, $35, $45.

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Men's Kersey Overcoats, fine all wool, blue and black, half satin lined; they cannot be surpassed for fit and finish. all tailored in the best manner, **$7.50.**

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Boys' Fine All Wool Suits, age 4 to 14, double breasted, in grays, browns, and black, Italian lined, made to sell at $5.00—**$3.47.**

Boys' Fine All Wool Suits, age 4 to 15, double breasted, no finer suit made, fine Italian cloth lined, made to sell at $7.00—**$5.00.**

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Umbrellas 26-inch Silk Gloria Umbrellas, with Dresden and natural wood handles, **$1.00.** 26-inch Silk Gloria, sterling silver, Dresden and natural wood handles, **$1.25.** 26-inch Silk Umbrellas, natural wood handles, sterling silver trimmed, a beauty, **$1.75.** 28-inch Silk Gloria, natural wood handles, silver trimmed, **$1.75.**

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Great Blanket Sale On Monday, December 5th, auction rooms, in Philadelphia, special purchase for spot case large lot of Bed Blankets and Carriage Robes, manufacturered by John & James Dobson. The prices in this advertisement speak only in cold type, the goods must be seen to be appreciated. To be sold for less than Fifty Cents on the Dollar.

Fine All Wool Double Carriage Lap Robes, weighing 7½ lbs. size 53x68 inches, regular selling price for this robe $10, marked for quick sale **$4.45.**

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Fine All Wool Double Carriage Lap Robes, weighing 4½ lbs., size 50x60 inches, the regular selling price for this robe $5, marked here **$2.45.**

Fine All Wool Carriage Lap Robe, weighing 4½ lbs., size 53x60 inches, the regular selling price for this robe $5, marked here **$2.25.**

Fine Wool Carriage Lap Robe, weighing 4 lbs., size 54x70 inches; the regular selling price for this robe $3.00, marked here **$1.49.**

Fine Wool Carriage Robe, 2½ lbs.; the regular selling price for this robe $2.00, marked here **98c.**

50 pairs Fine White California Wool Blankets, 10-4 wide, silk binding; red and blue, pink and yellow borders, weighing 4½ lbs.—fully worth $6 50—**$3.94** pair.

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98 pairs Heavy Wool Blankets, 10-4 size, wide silk binding, red, blue and yellow borders, weighs 5 lbs,; this blanket is slightly stained—worth $2.50—marked **$1.50** pair.

10-4 Heavy Cotton Fleece Blankets, wide tape binding, red, blue and yellow borders, in gray and white, **59c** pair.

J. B. MESSICK, MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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Thursday,	8th 2 pm	Friday, 9th 12 m
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Monday,	19th 12 m	Tuesday, 20 11 am
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Ladies' Hosiery, 12½c to $1.50.
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Blankets. Our regular lines are in all grades of white, gray and red Blankets from 25c to $15.00. Our extra fine holiday offering is a splendid California Blanket in two qualities—

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REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.
Dec. 5th, 1898.

Upon the application of Merritt N. Willits, Administrator of Horatio N. Willits, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrator aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

SEAL

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that letters of administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the fifth day of Dec. A. D. 1898, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said administrator, on or before the fifth day of Dec. 1899, or abide the act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

MERRITT N. WILLITS.
Address, Administrator.
Middletown Delaware.

The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 24, 1898

Local News.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

Go to DeValinger's for your candies—the cheapest for the money to be found.

A car load of "Salt" just received at DeValingar's—selling wonderfully low.

—Go to Weber's for fruit cake, lady cake, pound cake, donoughnuts and all kinds of mixed candies.

—At Cost.—I will sell my entire stock of Millinery at cost.

Edith B. Morgan, Odessa, Del.

—The Christmas Festival at Forest Presbyterian Church will be celebrated next Thursday evening.

—Michael's Vaudeville Co., will appear in the Middletown Opera House, Christmas night, December 26th. Popular prices.

—A fine Fresh Milch Cow for sale on terms to suit, by G. E. HUKILL,
Middletown, Del.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—We have a fine line of Ladies' Wrappers which would make a suitable X-mas gift for the ladies, also a full line of Ladies' Nubies, Fancy Embroidered Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

S. BURSTAN.

—If you want to buy a whole outfit call on S. Burstan. You can get a fine Suit of Clothes, Overcoat, Shoes and Gent's Furnishing Goods at the lowest prices. Give us a call and you will not go elsewhere.

—Mrs. Laura Truax, administratrix of Robert L. Truax, sold his farm property in Appoquinimink hundred Thursday. She was the purchaser at $2,000.

—On to-morrow Sunday, December 25th, at the Forest Presbyterian Church, the Rev. F. H. Moore will preach Christmas sermons at both services. There will also be special Christmas music.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

Your choice "nuts," fresh and at the lowest prices for quality at DeValinger's.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

J. F. McWHORTER & SON

—The Cantwell Mutual Insurance Co., of Odessa, gives notice that the annual meeting will be held at Lloyd's Hotel, on Monday, January 2d, 1899, for the purpose of electing seven directors. A dividend of five per cent. has been declared.

—In the efforts to get something for nothing at the sale here on Saturday of unclaimed express packages nine out of ten bidders were bitten. The articles were nearly all valueless—patent medicines, old circulars, etc. 'Tis strange the spirit there is for gambling.

—The third battalion of the First Delaware Volunteers was mustered out at Wilmington on Monday, four companies, less than 300 men. They received in pay about $17,000, much of which was spent with dealers in clothing. Several of the men enlisted in the regular army.

—The weather the whole week has been miserable. Such heavy fogs have been unknown. Navigation and railroad travel have been interferred with. On Thursday evening an electrical storm cleared the atmosphere and yesterday was bright and clear, the first good day of the week. The bad weather interferred much with Christmas shopping.

—At Bethesda M. E. Church there will be special Christmas music to-morrow. The pastor, Rev. I. L. Wood, will take as the morning topic, the Visit of the Magi, St. Mat. 2 2. In the evening at 7.30 the Song of the Angels. St. Luke 2-14. At 2 P. M. the Sunday School will have a special program with special music. All are invited. Miss Sheppard, the leader of the choir, will be assisted by Mr. Milton Davidson, of Dover.

—With Christmas Eve the Christmas holidays may be said to practically begin. According to ecclesiastical computation the the holidays begin on the 16 th of December and end on February 1, or the evening before the purification of Virgin Mary, Candlemas day. In popular parlance the Christmas holidays comprehend a period, almost a fortnight, begining on Christmas eve and extending to Twelfth Night. This season, however, is very much changed now from what it used to be in the feudal times of our ancesters. Two very popular observances of that period, belonging particulary to the Xmas season, are derived from the worship of our pagan ancestors, the hanging up of the mistletoe and the burning of the Yule log. The former custom is still practiced in our day.

—At the meeting of the Rehoboth Commissioners in Wilmington on Tuesday, Robert Penington, representing United States District Attorney Lewis C. Vandegrift, presented the request of the government for the right of way for the Assawaman canal through the property of the Rehoboth association. The section required is but a small piece of land where the tracks of the Delaware, Maryland & Virginia railroad cross the canal, but because it was not owned by the government some delay has resulted to the work. The commissioners instructed the proper officers to make a deed for the property in which they had a reversionary interest in case the railroad tracks should be removed. The canal is nearing completion. It extends from Chincoteague to Rehoboth and forms a part of the inland water way system devised for the use of vessels of light draught which system is to extend from Delaware Bay to Albermarle Sound, S. C.

—For several weeks past the grip has prevailed here and elsewhere. Physicians are almost unanimous in the opinion that grip is contagious, and they base this conclusion on the fact that whenever the disease makes its entrance into a household it rarely leaves before two or three members of the family are included in the list of victims. It is, therefore, important that persons suffering from an attack of the grip should be separated from the other members of the family, and particular precaution be observed where children are likely to come in contact with the patient. The men of the medical fraternity, have observed one particularity about the cases demanding their attention, and that is, that persons who enjoy good health are just as liable to succumb to the malady as are those whose condition is far below the normal. Thus far the disease has been of a light type, and the complications which have been noticed in previous years involving pneumonia and catarrhal affections are said to be rare. It is asserted, however, that the prompt services of a physician are necessary whenever the symptoms appear, and failure to obey this injuction may result in serious trouble.

—Messick's store will be closed all day Monday.

—Don't forget the show in the Opera House, Christmas night, Dec. 25th.

—Go to Satterfield's for the best flour for pastry and cakes, for the freshest nuts and cheapest candies.

—The Imitation Buffalo Robes with Job lots of Plush Robes and Horse Blankets at J. C. Parker & Son.

—For Gent's Holiday Slippers go to S. Burstan—they are not only pretty and comfortable but they are cheap.

—Decorative Plants.—A lot of Fine Palms and other Decorative Plants in for Christmas at very reasonable prices, also Carnations and Winter Blooming Bulbs.—E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Del.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guaranteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

—Trinklere is rushed with Holiday work but will take your photographs and guarantee satisfaction at prices that will please.

—The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

—Ex-Collector of the Port George W. Townsend, of Odessa, stated in Wilmington this week that three weeks ago he mailed a check for $250, but has heard nothing from it. Neither has he any trace of two letters he should have received on the same day he mailed the check. He has stopped payment on the check.

At the New Century Club.

Many familiar faces were missing at the club on Tuesday last no doubt owing to the nearness of Christmas with its extra work and pleasure, but much as they were missed their loss was still greater for the program was unusually interesting.

In response to her name at roll call each member present gave a brief current event. Following this came a paper on "Charles I" by Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Jr.. who told in expressive language of the stormy life and sad end of that monarch. Mrs. Lockwood gave an article on "John Milton" which was an exceedingly well written and interesting account of his life and also included a brief criticism of his poems. Mrs. Kennedy read selections from "Paradise Lost" and "The Hymn of the Nativity" in her usual, acceptable style, and Mrs. Howard Pool wrote of "John Dryden" in a paper which bore evidence of painstaking care.

No business of importance was transacted but the president stated that Mrs. C. S. Green had not yet received the amount asked of each member as a contribution for the coming tea. All who have not seen Mrs. Green in this matter will please do so at once.

Next Tuesday from half after two until four the club will vary its program by giving a Christmas Tea, to which all club members are invited, also any out of town guests that they may have.

AN ALIBI.

The attorneys for Mrs. Botkin who is being tried in San Francisco for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, are attempting to prove an alibi. The evidence against her has been strong and direct. John P. Dunning told the story of his shameful life without a blush, it is said, acknowledging his intimacy with the woman. He refused to reveal the names of other sweethearts while there and spent several days in jail in contempt of court.

Mrs. Botkin who testified Thursday in her own behalf was cool and self-possessed and rattled off her answers glibly enough under question of her attorney. She said Dunning had visited her frequently, but that her son Beverly was always with her. She had enjoyed what she called "a little social life." Dunning, she said, was her constant attendant and companion. She also told how Dunning came to her one day and unburdened to her a story of woe that touched her heart. She said Dunning told her on that occasion that he was in sore financial straits; that he had made use of funds intrusted to his care as Western manager of the Associated Press, and was unable to make restitution and that he was afraid of arrest. She gave Dunning what slight financial aid she could to temporarily tide him over his most pressing needs.

In reference to a statement of Mrs. Ruoff that she (Mrs. Botkin) had discuses qualities and potency of poison when ill at Mrs. Ruoff's house, Mrs. Botkin said that she had questioned the doctor only in reference to toxic properties of camoel, which he had prescribed for her, fearing that she might take too large a dose.

The progress made in the breaking down of the case of the prosecution was very slight. Dr. George M. Tyrell was a witness but was so uncertain in his testimony and contradicted himself so often that he did the defence very little good. He testified that he visited Mrs Botkin on Sunday afternoon, July 31, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock, and treated her for headache. This is the time and date sworn by Misses Henry and Dilmars, Haas' candy store, as that when they sold Mrs. Botkin a box of chocolate bonbons. Dr. Tyrell, for some reason, made no entry on his visit book and rendered no bill for services to Mrs. Botkin. He could not specify the time of the visit better than "between 3 and 5 in the afternoon." When questioned regarding arsenical poisoning, the attorney for the prosecution made it very clear that Dr. Tyrell knew little if anything of arsenic.

John P. Dunning was recalled by permission and asked if he had told Mrs. Botkin that his wife and daughter had taken up their residence in Dover, Del. He replied that he had mentioned the fact several times.

Thomas J. Foard, of the San Francisco post office, testified that the package of candy was not packed according to the rules and that it was remarkable that the box should have reached Delaware in good order. He identified the postmarks on the annoymous letters as being those of the San Francisco office, and described the methods employed in caring for latter mails.

A BROTHER-IN-LAW'S BOOMERANG.

W. L. Roberts, of Humboldt County, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Botkin, stated that she had been in the vicinity of Eureka, Cal. between June 2 until the end of the month. The prosecution admitted this residence. It will be remembered that one of the anonymous letters was dated about the middle of June, but the prosecution will prove that a mail bag was placed on the wharf at Eureka on steamer days, and that letters dropped in it were not postmarked until the steamer reached this city.

The defense will probably end this week and argument will go over to next week.

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PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. and Mrs. Andrew S. Eliason, of Mt. Pleasant, announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Alice Lavinia Eliason, to Mr. Thomas Edgar Clayton on Wednesday, January the fourth, 1899, at half past three o'clock, in Forest Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Delaware. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton will be at home after January 18th, 1899, at East Choptank.

—There has been very little change in the condition of Ex-Gov. John P. Cochran since the announcement of his serious illness by the TRANSCRIPT last week. His family and friends are naturally alarmed since the Governor was 89 on Feb. 7th last, yet his physician is hopeful, He rests easily and partakes of nourishments. He has been confined to the house since Nov. 26th, when he fell on the icy pavement in town.

—Mr. James L. Warren, who has been visiting in New York and "East Orange" for the past two weeks, returns to-day in company with Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Cochran and little son, Fletcher.

—Mrs. Mary Hall and Miss Elizabeth Hall are spending the Holidays with the Misses Murphy in the City of Brotherly Love. Miss Tillie Murphy has been quite ill for some time.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Naudain, of Baltimore, with their children, Houston and Helen, are expected to-day to spend Christmas week with Mrs. Naudain's mother, Mrs. Sarah Houston.

—The Misses Marie and Julia Lockwood are spending the Holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lockwood, Cecil County, Md.

—Miss Martha Heaton spent Sunday with her brother, Mr. Wilson Heaton, in the Quaker City. He will enjoy his Christmas turkey in Middletown.

—Mr. Victor Cochran, dental student at the University of Pennsylvania, is spending a week with his sister, Mrs. Howard Pool, near McDonough.

—Sergeant Hill, of Williamsport, Pa., spent several days in town the guest of Miss Ada Cochran on South Broad street.

—Miss Bessie S. Anderson is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Melville Lindsay, Washington, D. C.

—Rev. F. H. Moore, D. D., preached in Presbyterian Church, Woodbury, N. J., on Sunday last.

—Miss Adda Foard has been confined to the house with grip several days.

—Mrs. A. H. Donovan, of near town, spent several days in Wilmington the first of the week.

—Miss Nellie Rothwell, of Philadelphia, is at her father's, Mr. Moody Rothwell's, for the Holidays.

—Mr. Joseph Wilson, of Lewes, Delaware, is visiting Mr. Irving Mellen at Fieldsboro.

—Miss Mary Lippincott is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Mr. Robert Comegys and friend are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

—Mr. G. E. Hukill entertained the first of the week his brother, Mr. George P. Hukill, and daughter, of Oil City, Pa., and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hukill, Sr., of Wilmington.

—Mr. Victor Messick is at home for the Holidays from Bellevue Medical College, New York.

—Mr. Milton Davidson, of Dover, will be a guest to-morrow at Mr. J. C. Parker's.

—Miss Anna Cochran, of New York, is visiting Miss Lucie Cochran.

—Mr. W. A. Hukill, Jr., will spend Christmas with his parents in Wilmington.

—Among those at "home" for the Holidays are Charles W. Jones, Jr., of New York; John C. C. and Samuel Kelley, of Philadelphia; Gaylard Wright from the University; Harold and Lucien Green from Delaware College; Herbert Chamberlain from New York.

CURRENT EVENTS.

(For other items under this heading turn to outside pages.)

J. C. Hindman, of Rising Sun Md., is in receipt of a letter from a relative in EmporiaKansas referring to the recent sale of the famous Sunny Slope herd of Hereford cattle owned by the late banker Cross, of that city. The herd numbered 104 head and realized $34,650, an average of $333.17. One cow sold for $2,250. At a Sunny Slope sale last March imported bulls sold at an average of $756.33, and imported cows at $347.60. One bull sold for $3,000. Mr. Hindman recalls that at a sale of J. A. Rowan's herd, conducted by him in 1882, an average of $198 was paid for unregistered Jerseys. The highest price realized being $249 for a cow and calf, and the lowest $150.—Elkton Appeal.

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"THE MAN WHO NEVER SLEPT."

Millionaire Edward Bain, president of the Bain Wagon Company, whose death is announced from Pasadena, Cal., was familiarly known as the "man who never slept," and it is doubtful if another case like his existed. It is virtually a fact that for the last sixteen years he did not sleep an hour in his bed.

Constant devotion to business was the cause of his sleepness, he having been known to remain in his factory, up to sixteen years ago, as late as 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning and when he would seek rest he found it impossible to sleep.

For the greater part of the last ten years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away in street car riding during the day, and at night he was always to be found either at a theatre or billiard hall, which were the only places he was able to get a short nap, the music at the theatres and the clicking of billiard balls alone affording him short spells of repose. He was born in Kinderhook, N. Y. seventy-five years ago.

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Ephraim Keigwin, aged 67 years, of Jacksonville, Ind., known as the "Marrying Squire" he having married 9,000 couple is dead.

Washington.

December 27 is the date selected for the Personaly-Conducted Holiday Tour of the Pennsylvania Railroad to Washington This tour will cover a period of three days affording ample time to visit all the principal points of interest at the National Capital, including the Congressional Library and the new Corcoran Art Gallery. Round-trip rate, covering all necessary expenses for the entire time absent, transportation, hotel accommodations, guids, etc., $14.50 from New York, $13.50 from Trenton, and $11.50 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points.

SPECIAL TEACHERS' TOUR.

A special teachers' tour, identical with the above, will be run on the same date. Tickets for this tour, covering all necessary expenses, including accommodations at the National Hotel, Willards Hotel, or the Hotel Regent, $2.00 less than rates quoted above. Side trip to Mount Vernon and admission to the grounds, fifty cents addional. Side trip to Old Point Comfort, returning via the Cape Charles Route until January 1, $4.00 additional.

For ittineraries and full information apply to Ticket Agents; Tourist Agent, 1106 Broadway, New York; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Ggent. Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

DELAWARE CITY.

The steamer Major Reybold was laid up for the winter last week but started out again this week on Wednesday in the fog and was several hours reaching the wharf here.

Miss M. Janvier, Miss J. W. J. Marley and Miss Beulah Marley will spend a few days with their aged uncle, Mr. Ferdinand Janvier, at Clayton, Del., where a re-union of the family will celebrate Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Clement Reeves will entertain, according to their usual custom, their children with their respective families on Christmas Day.

Mr. Thomas Turner, an aged citizen of our town, died last week at the home of Mr. William Beck near town. The funeral took place on Saturday, Rev. Arthur F. Lewis conducting the services with singing by the choir of Christ Church. Interment in Delaware City Cemetery.

Miss Francis Glisson, of Philadelphia, will spend the Christmas Holidays with Mrs. George N. Bright.

Mrs. Robert C. Wiley, of Philadelphia, visited her grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Ogle, this week.

Miss Bessie Mills is ill with pneumonia at Winchester, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. George C. Burnett and family, of Harrisburg, Pa., will spend Christmas Day with her mother.

Among the many visitors to Wilmington this week were Mr. and Mrs. John Warren, Mr. Clayton VonCulin, Rev. Arthur F. Lewis, Mrs. Charles Wingate, Mr. and Mrs. John Ubil and Mrs. F. C. Warner.

Mrs. Arthur F. Lewis and her mother, Mrs. Thompson, visited Philadelphia on Monday, also Miss Lucy Jackson.

The Presbyterian Sunday School will have its Christmas treat on Monday evening.

The Episcopal Sunday School will have its Christmas treat in the parish house on Wednesday evening.

Wednesday being St. Thomas' day there was a celebration of the Holy Communion in Christ Church in the morning.

The Delaware City branch of the Guarantee and Loan Association held a meeting in Central Hall Friday evening.

The store windows present a fine appearance with their gay trappings for Christmas. The bazar annually held for the benefit of Christ Church is now open and ready for purchasers.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lewis spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Rev. Mr. Campbell, the evangelist who has been holding a protracted meeting in the M. E. Church for the past three weeks, preached his last sermon on Sunday night preparatory to his departure on Monday.

Mrs. Anna Lofland is nursing Mrs. Eliza Appleton, in Odessa, who has been ill for some time.

The Methodist Sunday School will have its Christmas treat on Tuesday night.

Miss May McConnaughey will spend the Holidays with her mother and other relatives.

The entertainment by the Literary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be given next Wednesday evening in Assembly Hall.

Miss M. Boulden, of Chesapeake City, will spend Christmas with friends in town.

Mr. W. A. Jester is home for the Holidays.

St. Peters R. C. Church and Christ Church will be appropriately trimmed with evergreens for Christmas. The musical programme in Christ Church will be as follows:

MORNING SERVICE.

Hymn 53.....Processional
Venite.....Danks
Gloria.....Miller
Te Deum.....Peck
Jubilate.....Danks
Hymn 57.....
Kyrie.....Fortay
Gloria Tibi.....Eyre
Hymn 319.....
Anthem.....Danks
Sanctus.....Emerson
Agnus Dei.....Eyre
Gloria in Excelsis.....Tennes

EVENING SERVICE.

Hymn 49.....
Magnificat.....Simpson
Nunc Dimittis.....Simpson
Hymn 59.....
Gloria.....Miller
Hymn 51.....

ODESSA NOTES.

Green Bros. are shipping large quantities of eggs and poultry.

All the stores have a generous supply of Christmas goods. Mr. Elwood A. Test has the largest and most varied assortment. His hot sodas prove quite an attraction, also.

Steamer Clio was delayed by the fog and did not reach her wharf until 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon instead of Tuesday evening.

Miss Fanny Williams has returned from a visit to relatives in and around Germantown.

The entertainment to have been given Christmas week by the M. E. Sunday School has been postponed. Nearly all the principal characters are sick either with grip or the mumps making it impossible to proceed with it.

Mr. John Armstrong, of Middletown, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Charles Gibson, of Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., is at home for the Holidays.

Mr. Richard Foard, of New York, was the guest of his family Sunday.

Mr. Amandus Darby, from near Cecilton, Md., was in town this week.

Rev. W. O. Hurst was suffering from a severe attack of grip Sunday and was not able to be out all day. Fortunately Mr Charles Gibson was at home and took charge of the services both morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Andrew Hukill, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Aspril for a short time Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. VanDyke and Miss Bessie Temple expect to spend the Holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick H. Burgess in their new home at Ridley Park, Pa.

Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Edware Adams, Mrs. Julia Bush, E. L. Brown, (care J. C. Brown,) Jennie Henery, Mary Jones, J. W. Neuland, Lanta Smith.

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at which time seven (7) Directors will be elected to serve the ensuing year. The premium on Deposit Notes at the rate of five (5) per cent. will be required to be paid. The Directors have declared a

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out of the Surplus Fund on all balances standing to the credit of members, payable on and after January 2d, 1899. Election for Directors will take place between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN C. CORBIT, President.
JOSEPH G. BROWN, Secretary.

Odessa Del., Dec. 14th, '98.

Notice—Election!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK, OF MIDDLETOWN,
Middletown, Del., Dec. 12th, 1898.

The Annual Election for Ten Directors will be held at the banking house, on SATURDAY JANUARY 14th, 1899, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M., and 12 o'clock, noon.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

Notice—Election!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK, OF ODESSA, December 8th, 1898.

The Stockholders Annual Meeting for the election of NINE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th, 1899, between the hours of 11 o'clock, A. M., and 1 P. M.

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The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in morocco and other leathers and all things thereunto belonging or appertaining.

The names and residences of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the city of Wilmington, New Castle county and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of Brandywine Hundred, New Castle county and State of Delaware.

That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight and is to end on the fifteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

In Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the city of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight.

ROBERT S. BAIRD, [L. S.]
JAMES M. McCOMB, [L. S.]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
HORACE G. KNOWLES.

STATE OF DELAWARE, New Castle County; } ss.

Be it remembered, that on this sixteenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety eight, personally come before me, Lewis Sasse, a Justice of the Peace for New Castle county and State of Delaware, Robert S. Baird and James C. McComb, parties to the foregoing certificate, known to me personally to be such, and severally acknowledge that they signed and sealed the said certificate for the purposes herein set forth, and that the same is their and each of their act and deed.

Given under my hand and seal the day and year last aforesaid.

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Justice of the Peace.

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SECRET SOCIETIES.

Middletown Council, No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M. Meets every Monday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Union Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M. Meets first Tuesday of each month in Town Hall.

Good Samaritan Lodge, No. 9, I. O. O. F. Meets every Thursday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, K. of P. Meets every Wednesday night in McWhorter's Hall at 8 o'clock.

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Welcome Conclave Heptasophs. Meets every second and fourth Friday night in K of P. Hall.

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL, DEC. 24, 1898

MY MARYLAND.

Easton has a new Town Clock. The Orchestra recently gave an entertainment benefit to help pay for it—netting $68.99.

Fire of an unknown origin did $30,000 damage in Princess Anne on Dec. 13th, and but for the promptness with which the adjacent cities of Salisbury and Pocomoke responded to the call for aid the entire town might now be in ruins. The Volunteer Fire Department was inadequate to cope with the flames. The New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk Railroad brought the Salisbury and Pocomoke City fire departments to the scene of the conflagration at a rate of more than a mile a minute. The Somerset Hotel and the stores of J. S. Colgan. Smith and Company, Maurice Miller, C. W. Fontaine and the Knights of Pythias Building, were the principal losers. There was but little insurance.

Breaking in a Book Agent.

"I am afraid I once spoiled a book agent," said the head member of a book agency.

"We had gotten out an expensive religious book and had advertised for agents to handle it.

"Among the numerous applicants was a tall, lanky youth. I asked him if he thought he could sell books, and he said that he reckoned he could.

"'Very well,' said I, I'll see what you can do. Take this book and consider that I am your intended victim. The price of the book runs from $2 to $4, but you must always endeavor to sell the highest-priced book although it is no di grace if you only succeed in selling the cheapest kind. If you succeed in selling me a book I'll hire you. Now go ahead.

"He took the book, fumbled it awkwardly, and then stammered:

"'Ye don't want to buy a book, do ye, mister?

"'Better buy one,' said he; 'I'll sell it to ye pretty cheap.'

"'Get out of here!' I yelled pretending to be mad. 'Don't you see that ign, Book Agents Not Wanted?'

"'I'll let ye hev one fer $4, mister, seein' it's ye', said he, taking off his coat and throwing it on the floor.

"'I am afraid—' I began.

"'Four dollars, mister, an' cheap at the price,' he added, as he rolled up his shirt sleeves.

"I didn't like the looks of all these war like proceedings, and declared the test off. But he refused, and gave me three minutes to 'dig up' the price of the book.

"While I was trying to make the fellow understand that the joke had gone far enough, he jumped at me.

"I didn't stand the ghost of a show with the husky youth; and I soon found myself on the floor, with the would-be book agent sitting on me, saying something about a book he would sell me 'powerful cheap.'

"To save my life I reluctantly consented to take one of the $2 kind. He said he was sorry, but he only sold the $4 kind.

"He allowed me to get one hand loose, and I produced $4, whereupon he released me, and wanted to know how soon he could go to work.

"I kept my word and hired him, sent him as far West as I could, and then discharged him by wire."

Lime as a Fertilizer.

The Maryland agricultural station has conducted numerous experiments this season with the use of lime for the renovation of worn-out soils. Experiments testing the effect of different amounts of lime on wheat, hay and corn were also conducted, with satisfactory results. The object of the experiment with wheat was to determine the most profitable amount of lime to apply per acre on land, for a series of crops, first corn, followed by wheat, grass, etc. There was a very marked effect from the use of lime on the yield of grain per acre. With two crops, corn and wheat, the increased yields produced by different amounts of lime, placed the limit of profit with an application of 40 bushels per acre. The effect of the lime on the hay crop was also very marked, producing an increase in the crop of 110 per cent.

Experiments testing the effect of lime and cow peas as a preparation for wheat were conducted with very gatifying results.

"Is your wife a rapid reader?" "Yes unless I'm waiting for the paper."

"What made you give that blind man a plugged nickel?" "People will take it from h'm when they wouldn't from me."

Washington . . . Letter

SENATOR Platt, of Conn., never speaks unless he something to say Consequently, he always gets the attention of his colleagues when he speaks' although he is not an orator, in the general acceptance of the term. His strong point is facts and he brought out an unusual lot of them when he proceeded to demolish the thing set up by Senator West in the name of an argument in favor of his resolutions, declaring that this government had no constitutional right to acquire territory except with the intention of admitting it to the Union as a state. Mr. Platt made it as plain as A, B, C, that this government had a clear right to acquire territory to be disposed of in any manner it might see fit, and clinched it by showing that it had almost from the beginning of the government exercised this right without question.

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Republicans in Congress are delighted with President McKinley's triumphant tour of the South, and enthusiastically endorse everything he said about expansion and government caring for the Confederate dead. The enthusiasm with which the Presidents straight-from-the-shoulder expansion talk was received in the South was a pointer for some of the democratic anti-expansionists that is being carefully studied.

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Mr. Bryan was not altogether satisfied with the results of his trip to Washington. He did not find the democratic response to his anti-expansion key-note all that he expected it would be. On the contrary, he was plainly told by a a number of Democratic Senators and Representatives that they could not endorse his position, and that their constituents would not. If he had it to do over again, there is very little doubt that Mr. Bryan would be less emphatic in expressing his opposition, to expansion, but as he has fully committed himself, there is nothing left for him to do but to stand by what he said, and take the consequences.

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Strange as it may seem, there are Senators and Representatives—none of them Republicans, — who oppose the bill to increase the regular army to 100,000 men, and to otherwise put it upon a modern basis. Some of these men were very loud in their complaints, because the organization of the army at the beginning of the war with Spain, was so inadequate to the occasion that there was unavoidable delay in getting the army into fighting condition. Now, they want to perpetuate the old and inadequate organization, forgetting the advice of Washington-"In time of Peace prepare for war." Fortunately for the country, these obstructionists are in the minority; their opposition may delay the increase of the army, but it cannot prevent it.

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Congress will this week adjourn for the customary Christmas recess of two weeks. No time will really be lost by the recess, as all of the important committees will work right through it. The Anglo-American Commission has taken a recess until Jan. 5. The work of the Commission has not been progressing very rapidly, of late, and it is now practically certain that if there is a treaty at all, it will not include commercial reciprocity.

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Hon. David J. Hill, Assistant Secretary of State, delivered an interesting address on the "expansion of civilization" at a banquet. Referring to the disposition in some quarters to harp on the word "imperialism", Mr. Hill said: "A malignant disposition could not have selected a worse word than imperialism. A better word, which expresses the true condition, is expansion. It is not a new one and the idea is not novel. It has existed since the inception of national growth. Civilization must go on until there is not one province, one island, one individual upon which its benign light does not fall." He answered those who argue that it would be a violation of the constitution for us to set up a form of government over any people, without allowing them to choose its form as well as its officials, by saying: "Nations as well as individuals must pass through the period of minority. It was so with this nation. See how closely our forefathers guarded the right of franchise. All constitutional lawyers agree that the franchise is not a natural right but a legal gift. The natural rights are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and I cannot believe that it is an evil for the stars and stripes to float over any people, and it is therefore our duty to extend the blessings of our civilization to all men capable of receiving them."

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The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the House Committee on Territories are both at work upon bills providing a government for Hawaii, and present expectation is that the bills will be reported early in January.

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Judge T. G. Berseley, of Fayettevill, Ga., is a representative intelligent Southerner. He is now visiting Washington, and among other interesting things, said: "President McKinley has made himself so solid in the South, especially in Georgia and Alabama, that in the event of his renomination in 1900, he will get thousands of democratic votes in those states. His broad-gaged sentiments and generosity have captured our people."

The words of praise bestowed upon Hood's Sarsaparilla by those who have taken it the merit of the medicine.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

International Sunday School Lesson for Dec. 25, 1898. Review. Golden Text—"Return unto you, saith the Lord of Hosts." Mal. 3:7.

The Father complains of His children, "Hear, O Heavens, and give ear, O earth: for the Lord hath spoken; I have nourished and brought up children and they have rebelled against Me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know. My people doth not consider."

The word of the Lord, by many prophets, had entreated Israel and Judah, Oh, earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the Lord: Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow: though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword."

The word of Him who cannot lie was pledged, "Hear, O earth: behold I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruits of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto My words, nor to My law, but rejected it." And Israel went into captivity and was lost to the world to this day, and Judah was taken captive to Babylon to return to their land for a time, and to become a byword, a hissing and reproach, until the Messiah shall come back to earth to fulfil His promise, "Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. . . And the Lord shall inherit Judah his portion in the holy land and shall choose Jerusalem again."

Hear the lamentations of the prophet, "How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! how is she become a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princes among the provinces, how is she become tributary!' Hear the lamentation of their King, "How often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not."

And hear the Holy Spirit's lament, "Ye have not because ye ask not," to us who believe in Him who said, "if ye shall ask anything in My name I will do it." And notice our neglect of His gracious invitation, "Ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

And believing in the name of Jesus, let us agree with those who ask in His name by his request,—for his promise stands that "it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven"—"Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the heathen, to give thanks unto Thy holy name, and to triumph in Thy praise. Blessed be the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: and let all the people say Amen. Praise ye the Lord."

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International S. S. Lesson for January 1, 1899. Jesus the true Light—John 1:1-14, Read the whole Chapter. Golden Text—"In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."—John 1: 4,

Who can imagine what it was like before God created the Heavens and the earth? But Jesus was there in glory with the Father in the beginning, and He was God. All things were made by Him, and nothing was made without Him. Life is in Him and death is in the world. Men are in darkness but His life is their Light. His Light shone in darkness but the darkness did not know Him.

A man named John came to bear witness of that Light, that all men through Him might believe. Jesus was the true Light that lights every man who comes into the world. Although He was in the world and made it, the world did not know Him. Although He came unto His own people, they did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, He gave the privilege to become His children; even all those who believe in Him, who are thus born into His family, not born of men but of God. Jesus was made flesh, and lived with other men, who beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten son of God, full of grace and truth.

He was before Abraham. He shone in the houses of the children of Abraham when thick darkness filled the land of Egypt. His light went between them and their enemies when His children crossed the Red Sea on dry land. His Light was a cloud to guide them by day, and a pillar of fire to lead them in the night. He is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. His Light still shines, and the condemnation to the world is this: that men love darkness better than Him. The Light of His countenance is about us all, but many refuse to look at Him. "The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" Although the light of the wicked shall be put out. He shall shine forever. "For with Thee is the fountain of life; in Thy Light shall we see light."

What could we do without light? The Bible says it and men know it: "Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun." Jesus is more than this to all who will look at Him. The moon lights a dark world because it reflects the bright sun. The good Book says. "Arise, shine, for thy Light is come." Jesus said to believers, "Ye are the light of the world." Reflecting Him by serving Him, and waiting for Him to come again from Heaven, makes us think of the good time promised in His Book, when the light shall be sevenfold in the day of His coming, and be to us "a song in the night."

The wonderful day of His coming "shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day nor night, but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." This bright, light, the lighthouse, the companion and guide, says to every one of us, "Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth, for I am God, and there is none else."

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The Frenchman was rather taken back at this, but he proposed: "Here's to France, the moon whose magic rays move the tides of the world.

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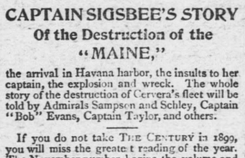

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Philadelphia	‡7.25	‖10.20	‖1.52	‖3.46	26:59	‖11.10
Baltimore	6.25	8.23	12.05	3.00	4:20	7.58
Wilmington	8.13	11.04	2.35	4.27	6:55	11.56
Farnhurst	‡8.22		‡2.44		7.06	
New Castle	8.27	‡11.21	2.49	4.39	7:09	
State Road	‡8.33		‡2.54		7:1	
Bear	‡8.38		‡2.59	‡4.48	7:1	
Porter	8.45		‡3.04	4.52	7:2	
Kirkwood	8.50		‡3.09		7:3	
Mt. Pleasant	8.59		‡3.17		7:3	
Armstrong	‡9.03				7:4	
Middletown	9.08	11.50	3.26	5.15	‡7:48	12.39
Townsend	9.17		3.34	5.24	‡7:56	
Blackbird	‡9.22		‡3.39		8:01	
Gr'n Spring	‡9.27		‡3.45		‡8:07	
Clayton	9.33	12.07	3.15	5.42	8:13	12.57
Smyrna LV	9.23	11.57	3.41	5.21	8:03	
Brenford	‡9.38		‡3.59		‡8:18	
Cheswold	‡9.43		‡4.04		‡8:24	
Dupont			‡4.0			
Dover	9.58	12.23	4.14	5.59	8:34	1.16
Wyoming	10.05	‖12.29	4.20	6.05	8:40	a 1.24
Woodside	‖10.11			‡6.11	‡8.47	
Viola	‖10.15			‡6.15	‡8.51	
Felton	10.20	‖12.40		6.20	8.56	a 1.38
Harrington	10.34	12.53		6.33	9.07	1.50
Farmington	‖10.42	a 1.00		‡6.41	‡9.15	
Greenwood	‖10.50	‡1.08		‡6.49	‡9.23	
Bridgeville	10.58	‡1.16		6.57	9.31	a 2.14
Cannons	‡11.08			‡7.02	‡9.36	
Seaford	11.13	1.27		7.11	9.45	2.26
Laurel	11.23	‡1.37		7.21	9.55	a 2.38
Delmar	11.33	1.46		7.30	10.05	2.50

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. A. M.	MAIL A. M.	EXP. P. M.	PAS P. M
Delmar	‖11.08		‡7.00	‡8.00	‡2.15	‡8.39
Laurel	‡1.21		7.11	8.10	‡2.25	8.41
Seaford	1.34		7.23	8.24	2.35	3.56
Cannons			‡7.31	‡8.31		‡4.04
Bridgeville	‡1.48		7.37	8.37	‡2.46	4.11
Greenwood			‡7.45	‡8.45	‡2.54	‡4.19
Farmington			‡7.58	‡8.53		‡4.27
Harrington	2.22		8.05	9.06	3.08	4:40
Felton	‡2.33		8.14	9.16	‡3.18	4:49
Viola			‡8.18	‡9.20		‡4:53
Woodside			‡8.22	‡9.24		‡4:57
Wyoming	‖2:46	‖6.57	8.29	9.31	‡3.20	5:05
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